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REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office action of May 3, 2006 reconsideration of the aboveidentified patent application, amended as follows, is respectfully requested. (This reply is being filed on August 3, 2006, and is therefore timely filed.)

AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.